



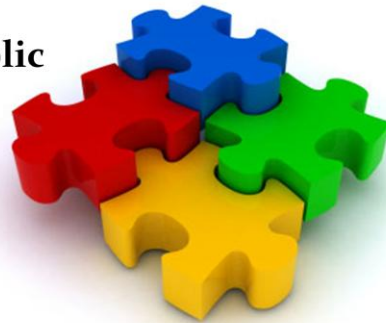
# Moving Forward

- **Partners**
- **SSE Amendment Components**
- **Planning Process**
- **Timeframe**

How will what we spoke about doing for water quality, habitats and climate change come together, who will do what when? I will give you a brief overview of the partner roles, SSE Amendment Components, the overall Planning Process and Timeframe and next steps.

# Partners

- **NYSDOS and SSER Office**
- **3 Topic-based Work Groups**
- **SSER Council**
- **Stakeholders and the Public**



The DOS will work with the SSER Council and its partners to develop the SSE Amendment. We envision the roles of our partners will be similar to those used to develop the SSER Comprehensive Management Plan.

# Partner Roles

- **SSER Council**
- **SSER Citizen Advisory Committee**
- **NYSDOS and SSER Office**
- **SSE Work Groups**



Similar to the Comprehensive Management Plan's development, SSER Council members will be asked to serve on one or more work groups, review the recommendations of the work groups and review the SSE Amendment. For the Citizen Advisory Committee members, in addition to serving on SSE Work Groups, they will be asked to update their constituencies about the SSE Amendment work progress & facilitate other public outreach efforts.

Water Quality, Habitats and Climate Change work groups will be created and comprised of SSER Council members, CAC members, TAC members, user groups, & other knowledgeable individuals. From each work group we will be looking for three things:

1. Access to available data and information.
2. Review of the analysis of data gaps developed by the NYS DOS and consultants
3. Advice throughout the SSE Amendment's development

# **SSE Amendment Steps and Outcomes**

- **Steps**

1. **Inventory**
2. **Issues and Opportunities**
3. **Analysis**

- **Outcomes**

1. **SSE Policies**
2. **Implementation Strategy**

The NYS Coastal Management Program is both proactive and reactive. The SSE Amendment will also be both. It will provide a series of implementation strategies that will address how best to fix problems for each of the three issues, as well as provide improved policies for decision making to stop poor projects from being built. It will provide greater geographic specificity to reflect present conditions; avoid degradation; and, restore the health of and minimize potential future impacts on the estuary.

# SSE Amendment Inventory

For each of the 3 issue areas:

- **Collect Existing Information**
- **Evaluate**
- **Identify Gaps**
- **Identify New Information/Data Needs**
- **Identify How to Collect New Data**
- **Determine Costs**



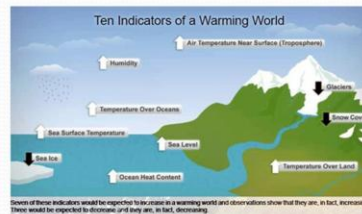
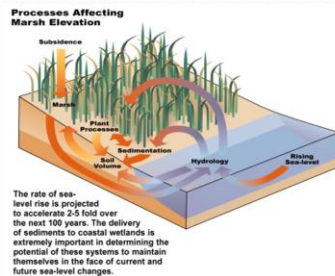
The **Inventory Task** will include:

- Collecting information, data and research results generated since the adoption of the SSER Comprehensive Management Plan in 2001.
- Evaluating the inventory information' s relevance to the SSE Amendment.
- Identifying information gaps.
- Identifying the need for information and data.
- Determining how to get that new data and its cost.

# SSE Amendment Issues & Opportunities

## Explore Existing & Emerging Issues

- Upland migration of Wetlands due to Climate Change
- Water Quality impacts on Public Uses and Living Resources
- Adaptation to severe weather events & sea level rise



Among other news & energizing issues, the amendment should address:

- How to accommodate wetland migration caused by sea level rise;
- Continued water quality impacts on public uses and living resources; and
- How best to assist local governments to adapt to more severe weather and the other greatest risks caused by climate change.

# SSE Amendment Analysis

- Policy & Guidance Improvements
- Additional Areas of Study  
or Scientific Research
- Capital Improvement Projects



During the **analysis**, options for improvements to the Coastal Program’s policies will be looked at:

- need for scientific research; and
- projects needed to restore habitats, improve water quality and help adapt to climate change impacts.

## **SSE Amendment Policy Development**

### **Policy Development:**

- **Draft SSE policies & management guidance**
- **Identify implementing laws & regulations**

During policy development we will come to conclusions on how best to modify the Coastal Program's policies and possible need for change to State laws and regulations.

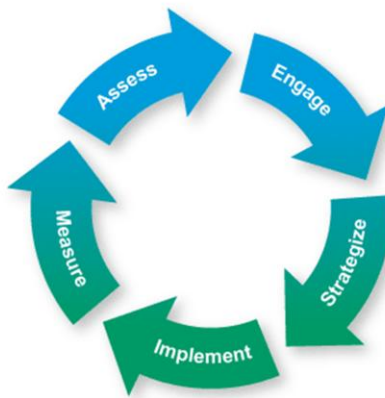
## **SSE Amendment Implementation Strategy**

- **Actions that Advance the SSE Amendment**
- **Prioritize Actions**
- **Identify Funding**
- **Identify Implementation Partners**
- **Adapt to new information**



As with the SSER Comprehensive Management Plan, the SSE Amendment will include a strategy to implement key actions, and the funding and partners needed.

# SSE Amendment Implementation Strategy Planning Process



The Science to Management Committee would have a significant permanent role in assisting the Council and DOS with evaluating progress, measuring success and assessing future needs.

Part of the implementation strategy should include a process which enables the Council and resource management partners to continually adapt to new information. Part of that might be evolving the TAC to be a Science to Management Committee. A group to help translate newly available research results into biomass implementable management actions.

# Public Engagement

- Briefings
- Public Meetings
- Collect & Address Comments
- Revise Document



**Submit final SSE Amendment Document to  
NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource  
Management for Concurrence**

The public will be kept engaged through the SSE Amendment's development. We will be looking to the Citizen Advisory Committee for their help with reaching the public.

# Proposed Schedule



- **Inventory – January to July 2011**
- **Issues & Opportunities - August to December 2011**
- **Analysis – January – March to June 2012**
- **Policy Development – July to October 2012**
- **Recommendations & Implementation Strategy  
– March to October 2012**
- **Public Review – October to December 2012**
- **Submission to OCRM – March 2013**

## Initial Next Steps

- Establish Working Groups & Refine the Planning Process
- Develop Detailed Work Plans for Water Quality, Habitats & Climate Change
- Define Tasks that can be undertaken by NYS DOS & SSER Office
- Define Tasks that Require Consultants
- Determine Costs & Obtain NYS DOB permission to use funds
- Issue RFPs & Commence Inventory Work